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**To Participants and Guests of Celebrations on the Occasion  
of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scientific Cooperation between the Russian  
Academy of Sciences and National Academy of the USA**

Sincere congratulations on the occasion of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of scientific cooperation between the Russian Academy of Sciences and National Academy of the USA.

In the intervening years, scientific contacts and cooperation of Russian and American scientists was a good contribution in the development of both national and global fundamental science and improvement of mutual understanding between our two countries. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Russian and American scientists will have to solve jointly the problems of global character including those related to the development of energy sector, climate changes, environment protection, and international security, which will require joint efforts of the world scientific community.

I hope cooperation between our two academies will continue to develop dynamically in the interests of the world scientific progress and wellbeing of the peoples of Russia and USA.

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Sergey Lavrov

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